

IN THE CLAIMS:

131 [c1] (Previously Canceled)

[c2] (Previously Canceled)

[c3] (Previously Canceled)

[c4] (Previously Canceled)

[c5] (Previously Canceled)

[c6] (Previously Canceled)

[c7] (Previously Canceled)

[c8] (Currently Amended) An instrument for contemplation comprising:

a medium capable of displaying words;

subject displaying cell that is provided on the medium, the subject displaying cell displaying a subject of a meeting;

a first thought unit that is provided on the medium, the first thought unit including a plurality of thought result displaying cells that display a plurality of thought results found from the subject by a first participant of the meeting;

a second thought unit that is provided on the medium, the second thought unit including a plurality of thought result displaying cells that display a plurality of thought results found from the subject and the first thought results unit by a second participant of the participant meeting;

an upper selecting unit that is provided on the medium, the upper selecting unit including a plurality of thought result displaying cells that display~~displaying~~ a predetermined number of thought results selected among the thought results displayed in the first and second thought units by a third participant of the meeting; ~~and~~

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a lower selecting unit that is provided on the medium, the lower selecting unit including a plurality of thought result displaying cells that display~~displaying~~ a predetermined number of thought results selected among the thought result words displayed in the upper selecting unit by a fourth participant of the meeting; and

wherein the thought results are selected from the group consisting of solutions to solve the subject, actions to be taken to accomplish the subject and keywords associated to the subject.

- [c9] (Previously added) The instrument for contemplation as set forth in claim 8, wherein, the number of thought units and the number of selecting units are decided in such a fashion that the number of thought units and the number of selecting units are added to each other to be equivalent to the number of members of the meeting.
- [c10] (Previously added) The instrument for contemplation as set forth in claim 8, wherein the medium is a paper capable of displaying words.
- [c11] (Previously added) The instrument for contemplation as set forth in claim 8, wherein the medium is a paper capable of holding pasting tags displaying words.
- [c12] (Previously added) The instrument for contemplation as set forth in claim 8, wherein the medium is a display of a computer; and the words are shown on the display of the computer.
- [c13] (Previously added) The instrument for contemplation as set forth in claim 8, wherein two or more thought units are provided on the medium; and two or more lower selecting units are provided on the medium.

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[c14] (Currently amended) An instrument for contemplation comprising:

a medium capable of displaying words;

subject displaying cell that is provided on the medium, the subject displaying cell displaying a subject of a meeting;

a first thought unit that is provided on the medium, the first thought unit including a plurality of thought result displaying cells that display a plurality of thought results found from the subject by a first participant of the meeting;

a second thought unit that is provided on the medium, the second thought unit including a plurality of thought result displaying cells that display a plurality of thought results found from the subject and the first thought result unit by a second participant of the ~~conference~~meeting;

a rank sorting unit that is provided on the medium, the rank sorting unit displaying the plurality of thought results, the plurality of thought results being ranked according to a given criterion and being sorted according to the ranks thereof;

a ranking unit that is provided on the medium, the ranking unit displaying the plurality of thought results displayed on the rank sorting unit, the plurality of thought results being ranked according to the criterion and sorted from the upper to the lower; and

a contents sorting unit that is provided on the medium, the contents sorting unit displaying the plurality of thought results that have been ranked, the plurality of thought results being sorted by contents,

wherein the rank sorting unit includes a plurality of cells that display the plurality of thought results and are given the evaluation marks corresponding to the ranks thereof, and

the contents sorting unit includes a totaling cell that displays the plurality of thought results that are given the evaluation marks prepared by the participants in such a fashion that the plurality of thought results are sorted by contents, and that displays the

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total of the evaluation marks corresponding to a plurality of thought results sorted in a same classification; and

wherein the thought results are selected from the group consisting of solutions to solve the subject, actions to be taken to accomplish the subject and keywords associated to the subject.

[c15] (Previously added) An instrument for contemplation as set forth in claim 14, wherein the medium is a paper capable of displaying words.

[c16] (Previously added) An instrument for contemplation as set forth in claim 14, wherein the medium is a paper capable of holding the pasting tags displaying words.

[c17] (Previously added) An instrument for contemplation as set forth in claim 14, wherein the medium is a display of a computer; and the words are shown on the display of the computer.
